



First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – November 24, 2014

FirstNet News

- The user advocacy team conducted the eighth state consultation meeting last week in Iowa. The meeting was attended by more than 50 public safety representatives from a number of agencies at the state and local levels. Additional details are available in Dave Buchanan's blog at <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-initial-consultation-meeting-iowa>.
- The status and pace of FirstNet's consultation activities were key topics of interest at the House Homeland Security Subcommittee Hearing on Emergency Communications on November 18. TJ Kennedy's testimony is posted on the FirstNet website: <http://firstnet.gov/news/written-testimony-tj-kennedy-homeland-security-subcommittee-november-18>
- The user advocacy team will conduct an initial consultation meeting with Florida on December 12. Other confirmed upcoming initial consultation meetings in 2015 are: Nevada (1/7), Kentucky (1/28), Texas (2/11), Arkansas (3/4), Massachusetts (3/12), Nebraska (3/18-3/19), South Dakota (4/1) and North Carolina (4/23).
- Last week, FirstNet presented at the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) conference, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) DC Chapter Mobile Communications Summit, a California Town Hall, North Carolina FirstNet Stakeholders Meeting, the LTE North America Summit and at a South Carolina FirstNet Planning Committee meeting.
- The NEPA team will conduct FirstNet Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Meeting in Washington DC on November 25. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) provides a framework to evaluate the impact of major federal actions on the environment and through the programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) process, allows the public the opportunity to provide input on implementation alternatives. FirstNet will distribute additional information on this effort shortly.
- To date, FirstNet has received completed state consultation checklists from 32 states and territories: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts,

Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Utah, Washington, Washington DC, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

- FirstNet recently published a [Federal Departments and Agencies Fact Sheet](#) that explains how federal organizations can participate in the development of the first nationwide public safety broadband network.

From the States and PSAC Organizations

- The PSAC will meet in Norman, OK on December 2. FirstNet will also attend the SAFECOM/NCSWIC meetings December 3-4 in Norman.
- FirstNet will support state/territory outreach events in New Mexico on December 9 and in US Virgin Islands on December 11 and 12.
- December SPOC/SWIC calls will occur on Monday, the 15th (Regions 5 & 9), Wednesday, the 17th (Regions 6,7 & 8), Thursday, the 18th (Regions 1,2 & 10), and Friday, the 19th (Regions 3 & 4).

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

FirstNet was the focus of numerous trade press articles last week covering the November 17 Finance Committee meeting, the November 18 House hearing, and the AWS-3 auction. The Finance Committee articles portrayed the RFP and consultation activities as the top FirstNet priorities for FY15. Most of the hearing articles were comprehensive accounts of the hearing, which included Delaware SPOC Mark Grubb and DHS OEC Director Admiral Hewitt. Some of the hearing articles focused on specific issues that surfaced at the hearing (i.e., FirstNet consultation, state governance for LMR interoperability). A complete listing of FirstNet articles from last week is attached.

Social Media

The AWS-3 auction and House Homeland hearing received significant attention on Twitter, as did FirstNet presentations at various events last week. The FirstNet Twitter account now has more than 1,200 followers, and the LinkedIn account has more than 330 followers. Our blog posts from this week can be found at: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>